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Dear Sir or Madam,

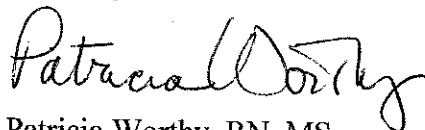
Yale New-Haven Hospital and the New Haven Board of Education have been partners in internship, mentoring, and work-based learning experiences since the early 90's. Each year, more than 25 New Haven high school students are offered placements within the hospital setting. This year, for the first time, the hospital is expanding its participation to include students from the Developing Tomorrow's Professionals program and is hosting 3 young men who successfully completed their summer, 2008, academic requirements.

We are so excited to be a part of this program. These young men have consistently met and exceeded expectations and have demonstrated a seriousness of purpose about the challenges and opportunities they will encounter.

The value of the program cannot be measured just in terms of numbers, but, rather, in the totality of the experience. Online summer and winter course work, academic mentors, professional mentors, and appropriate ancillary services add up to a real sense of community and commitment among students and staff/volunteers.

I wish I could have come in person to speak about the program and our involvement in person, but due to prior commitments I cannot. I do want to impress upon you how pleased we are to be part of this effort. We look forward to expanding our role as a professional work-based partner to include a total of five young men with the next class.

Sincerely,



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